

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 4th June 2017

Silent Key – Anatolij EI4JF

The death has occurred of Anatolij Mezenkov EI4JF of Mahon in Cork. He was an active CW operator and a member of Cork Radio Club. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

5.7GHz Survey

At the request of the IARU we are carrying out a survey of use of the band 5570 to 5850GHz. Would any licensed amateurs using the band please forward details of their use of this band to Seán Nolan EI7CD. The email address is ei7cd /at/ gofree.indigo.ie and the landline is 01-2851599

Echo Ireland Summer Edition

The Summer Edition of Echo Ireland will be mailed to members during the week. The newsletter includes the usual mix of news from the clubs as well as articles submitted by members detailing their recent activities. Notes on this year's AGM and the awards presented are also included. The very high profile DXpedition by EIs to Nepal by the EI DX Group is recounted by Pat EI5IX. Also on the subject of DXing, Mark EI6HPB - the new contributor of the "HF Happenings" column - describes his experiences on the HF bands as well as upcoming DX.

Digital radio is a hot topic, and was the subject of one of the Workshop Talks at this year's AGM. Steve EI5DD continues his explanation of this mode in part 2 of "Getting Started with Digital Radio". For those more interested in the traditional modes, Tony EI5EM chronicles how he set about making a complete portable CW QRP station. Staying with construction, Pat EI2HX, in another "Excerpt from the HX Files" describes how he recycled an abandoned trampoline into a useful mast.

IRTS is a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) a key international organisation that interacts with the agencies responsible for regulating and allocating radio frequencies. In the current issue of Echo Ireland, Dave EI3IO, one of our representatives on IARU matters, reports on the priority items which are

currently the focus of IARU's attentions. For more detailed information on this topic, see the "IARU General Conference" button the home page of the society's web site.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

Intending examination candidates are asked to note that Monday 12th June is the final date for receipt of applications to sit the next amateur station Licence Examination which will be held on Thursday 29th June in the ComReg offices in Dublin.

A large number of applications have already been received and as numbers are limited and examination places are allocated on a first come first served basis, those intending to sit the examination should apply immediately. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam .

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is also important to note that even if you pay the fee on-line you must still complete and forward the application form. Remember, the closing date for receipt of completed applications is Monday 12th June

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will meet on Wednesday next June 7th at 8.30pm in Carrigtwohill Community Centre when Don EI8DJ will deliver a talk on 'Active Antennas for Ham Radio'. Non-members are very welcome.

This will be last meeting before the summer recess and the club will meet again on the last Wednesday in August to prepare for the SSB Field Day on the following weekend. Enquiries to Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by email to davebeag /at/ gmail.com.

DX News

Several state-side operators will be active from the Bahamas as C6ATA, C6ALY and C6ACC from 7th to 16th June.

Ryosei JH0IXE will be QRV from Koror Island in the Republic of Palau. He will use

the callsign T8CW from 9th to 18th June. Palau is in the western Pacific Ocean and the IOTA reference is OC-009. Activity will be on all bands 80m to 6m CW, SSB and digital. QSL manager is JA0FOX.

Prefix hunters may be interested in working XM3CARF from now until 3rd July. The call is being used by the Frontenac Amateur Radio Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation in 1967.

Jeff TZ4AM is one of the few resident amateurs in Mali. He operates from the capital city Bamako and is to be found on all the HF bands. He prefers CW but can be worked at times on SSB. His logs are regularly uploaded to Logbook of The World and QSLs can be obtained direct from W0SA.

Irish Pirate Radio Museum

A meeting will take place upstairs at Branigan's Pub just off O'Connell Street near the Pro Cathedral next Wednesday 7th June at 7pm sharp. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for a gallery exhibition or a permanent pirate radio museum, how the radio memorabilia should be collected, archived and curated and the most important question how it should be funded. For further information contact Eddie Bohan [irishbroadcastinghalloffame /at/ gmail.com](mailto:irishbroadcastinghalloffame/at/gmail.com) Tel: 085-144-2088 .

Elettra Back on Air

A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club are QRV today Sunday 4th June at the Marconi Foundation in Bologna, Italy. The aim of the event is to celebrate the historical value of the yacht Elettra. The station will be QRV as IQ4FE. More details on www.fgm.it

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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